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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Hesperia – Teen Arrested after Naming 33 Students and Teachers in Detailed Shooting Plot

(U) A student was arrested this week after creating a hit list naming 33 students and teachers in a detailed mass shooting plot at Encore High School for the Arts in Hesperia. The student, who was not identified, had a list of names of people whom he identified as potential targets. The plot unfolded Saturday when a parent notified deputies of a potential threat at the charter school. Deputies began investigating the report and discovered the threats on social media.

SOURCE: 22 September 2016, The Los Angeles Times

(U) Vallejo – Oil Spill Found Near Vallejo Following Mysterious Odor

(U) The US Coast Guard and cleanup crews from multiple state agencies worked yesterday to contain two sprawling oil slicks in San Pablo Bay that are believed to be crude oil spilled by a tanker berthed at the Phillips 66 refinery in Rodeo, officials said. A Coast Guard helicopter crew pinpointed a mile-long, 40-yard wide slick in the northern part of the bay off of Davis Point after a worker at the Phillips 66 refinery reported it to the state Office of Emergency Services. Officials and residents just across the Carquinez Straight in Vallejo, meanwhile, wanted to know whether the oil was the source of a mysterious noxious odor that sickened dozens of people there and prompted a shelter-in-place order the night before. SOURCE: 21 September 2016, SF Gate

(U) West Point - Two More Suspects Sought in Kidnapping of Four Held at Marijuana Farm

(U) Authorities say they arrested two women and are searching for two men who are all accused of playing a role in holding four brothers captive at an illegal marijuana farm in Northern California and forcing them to work there. The brothers told police they ran away in July from the secluded potgrowing operation in the small Sierra Nevada foothills town of West Point after overhearing they would be killed once all the marijuana was harvested. Two other men, including the brothers' nephew, are being sought by authorities from the small, impoverished county undergoing a dramatic transformation because of marijuana cultivation.

SOURCE: 22 September 2016, SF Gate

(U) NATIONAL

(U) New York – Investigators Try To Determine if Accused New York Bomber had Help

(U) New York City – US authorities are looking into whether an Afghan-born American citizen charged with carrying out bombings in New York and New Jersey acted alone or had help as the city's top federal public defender sought access to the suspect. Police in New York City said they had not yet been permitted by doctors to speak to Ahmad Khan Rahami, 28, who was arrested after being wounded in a gunfight with police. The FBI released a photo of two men who found a second, unexploded pressure cooker device they say Rahami left in a piece of luggage in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood on Saturday night. The two men, who took the bag but left the improvised bomb on the street are not suspects, officials said, but investigators want to interview them as witnesses.

SOURCE: 21 September 2016, Reuters

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(U) North Carolina – Charlotte, North Carolina in State of Emergency after Second Night of Violence

(U) Charlotte – Residents of Charlotte woke to a state of emergency today with National Guard troops deployed on the streets after a second night of violent protests over the fatal police shooting of a black man. One person was on life support after being shot by a civilian late yesterday as riot police used tear gas, rubber bullets and flash-bang grenades to try to disperse demonstrators who looted stores and threw rocks, bottles and fireworks. Four police officers suffered non-life threatening injuries, city officials said.

SOURCE: 22 September 2016, Reuters

(U) North Dakota – White House Seeks Improved Tribal Relations as Pipeline Fight Lingers

(U) Cannon Ball – The leaders of hundreds of Native American tribes will meet with President Barack Obama at his eighth and final Tribal Nations Conference at the White House next week, while thousands of activists are encamped on the North Dakota prairie protesting a \$3.7 billion oil pipeline. The North Dakota encampment represents the largest Native American protest in decades. Along with environmentalists, the tribes say the 1,100-mile Dakota Access pipeline, being developed by Energy Transfer Partners LP, would threaten the water supply and sacred sites of the Standing Rock Sioux. SOURCE: 22 September 2016, Reuters

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Iraq – US Tests for Mustard Agent after Rocket Attack Near Base

(U) Mosul – The US military is testing to see if a chemical agent may have been used in a rocket attack in Iraq by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) that came within hundreds of yards of US forces but injured no one. The rocket fell in an unpopulated area near the Qayyara West base, where hundreds of US forces are working to prepare an airfield ahead of Iraq's offensive to retake the city of Mosul from ISIL.

SOURCE: 21 September 2016, Reuters

(U) Yemen – Local Al-Qa'ida Leader Killed in US Drone Strike

(U) Al-Bayda – A senior leader of Yemen's al-Qa'ida branch was killed today in a raid by a US drone strike in central Yemen. An official reported Abdallah al-Sanaani, a regional commander in Al-Qa'ida in Arabian Peninsula, was killed along with his bodyguard while traveling in a vehicle in the al-Sawma'a district of al-Bayda province.

SOURCE: 22 September 2016, Reuters

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